

# THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION AT THE CONFERENCE

Commotion at Conference  
Over Resolution Urging  
Call of Congress.

MR. HOUSTON CANCELS  
SCHEDULED ADDRESS

Demand at Meeting of Executives  
for Means to Get Soldiers  
Back to Work.

Declaring that it was time to cease talking and begin acting, Mayor Rolfe of San Francisco introduced a resolution at the conference of governors and mayors this morning calling upon the President to immediately reconvene Congress for the purpose of passing necessary appropriation measures and insisting that the United States Shipping Board at once cancel the contracts for shipbuilding in Chinese and Japanese yards.

The San Francisco executive appeared to have the support of the majority of the delegates, who today were deliberating in the auditorium of the Department of Interior building. An attempt to shelve the resolution was made by an over-whelming majority, and another attempt, a plan to refer resolutions to the resolution committee, but these are made public, met a similar fate.

**Secretary Houston Retires.**  
Secretary of Agriculture Houston, who was scheduled to speak at the time Mayor Rolfe precipitated the crisis, quietly left the platform after the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Glass, had taken the floor. Several minutes after the Secretary of Agriculture had left, Mayor Rolfe's resolution was adopted by a vote of 100 to 0.

Mayor Rolfe said that while he was not a politician, he was a citizen, and he would not be guilty of a disservice to a cabinet officer. "And you are a Californian," he said. "I propose that the hour for this to be taken up be postponed until tomorrow." This was the motion. "I am not a politician," said Judge Cargill of Kansas City. "We have cut out the rule and now we can go to it. The price of bricks here is \$100 a ton. We don't care about the price of bricks, but we care about the price of food. We are here to get the return on the money we have put out."

**Mayor Rolfe Explains.**  
Turning to Secretary of the Treasury Glass, Mayor Rolfe said: "Mr. Secretary, I have heard some very fine speeches this morning and have been very much interested. But the delegates have been taught nothing and have received nothing new. I am here to get the return on the money we have put out. We are here to get the return on the money we have put out. We are here to get the return on the money we have put out."

**Mayor Rolfe's Resolution.**  
The following is the text of Mayor Rolfe's resolution: "Resolved, That we urge the President to immediately convene Congress and keep it on the job while the country is going through a serious reconstruction period and that he demand immediate appropriations for the prosecution of all government work agreed upon by the various departments and now held up for want of funds, such as public buildings, public harbor works, docks, naval bases and improvements on railroads and other public utilities."

**Condemns Building Outside.**  
"Resolved, That we condemn as un-American and unpatriotic the policy of building ships for the American merchant marine in Japan and China, and that all such contracts be canceled and replaced in American shipyards to give employment to returning American soldiers, otherwise the country will believe those responsible would rather find employment for returning unemployed Chinese and Japanese soldiers than for our returning heroes. If these contracts cannot be canceled, why not employ them for 500 American ships?"

**Not Afraid of Bolshevism.**  
William Piskroft, representing Ole Hanson, mayor of Seattle, urged everybody to quit "playing politics and get down to business." He charged that all such contracts be canceled and replaced in American shipyards to give employment to returning American soldiers, otherwise the country will believe those responsible would rather find employment for returning unemployed Chinese and Japanese soldiers than for our returning heroes. If these contracts cannot be canceled, why not employ them for 500 American ships?"

**For Home Buying and Building.**  
Mayor Carmichael of Sacramento, Cal., urged that the government invite leading men to form the nucleus of a home buying and building association. He said that the government should invite leading men to form the nucleus of a home buying and building association. He said that the government should invite leading men to form the nucleus of a home buying and building association.

# HUNS TO OPPOSE COERCION BY ENTENTE, PARIS EARNES

German Cabinet Will "Decline All Responsibilities" for Consequences of "Speculation on Patience."

**NOT TO RELEASE  
RAILWAY CONTROL  
TODAY FOR FRANCE**

Government Purpose Not  
Changed by Failure of Ap-  
propriation, Hines Says.

The government has no immediate intention of relinquishing control of railroads as a result of the failure of Congress to appropriate funds for the railroad administration, Director General Hines stated today.

Mr. Hines also explained that every effort would be made to continue operations as usual to avoid laying off employees and finance the railroads through private loans or through advances from the War Finance Corporation.

**Statement on Situation.**  
Referring to the congressional situation resulting in failure to appropriate funds, Mr. Hines said: "The result puts upon the director general the necessity of devising radically different methods of dealing with the extremely difficult situation. I approach the matter in the spirit and with the purpose of finding ways to meet the requirements of the situation. I am not a politician, but I am a citizen, and I am here to get the return on the money we have put out."

# NO HEAD FOR COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES NAMED

Representative Mann of Illinois presided over the meeting today as temporary chairman of the House committee on committees. No decision was reached on the question of a permanent chairman of the committee.

The question of floor leadership was not considered. Representative Mann stated recently on the floor of the House that he would not retain the position of floor leader. Representative Mann's statement was considered the most prominent candidate for the position.

# CHINA TO ASK REVISION OF PACT WITH JAPAN

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PARIS, March 5.—China's peace commissioners will go before the council of ten early next week and ask for a revision of the agreement made between China and Japan, known as the "Twenty-one demands," of January 18, 1915, as well as the complete effacement of the German concessions in Kiaochow and Shantung and the Transshantung railway.

# 300 MEN LAID OFF FROM FORCE OF STREET CLEANERS

Result of Failure of Congress  
to Pass Third Deficiency  
Bill.

# HEALTH OF THE CITY SERIOUSLY MENACED

Officials Are in Conference. But See  
No Way Out of Predicament  
Put on District.

Three hundred "white wings" were laid off today, not a man going out on street cleaning work, as a result of the failure of passage by Congress of the third deficiency bill, providing an appropriation of \$60,000 for the street cleaning department.

Washington is without prospect of clean streets for an indefinite period, the situation admittedly being the most alarming from a health and sanitation standpoint probably ever faced by the city.

**No Funds; Individual Loan Illegal.**  
It developed at these conferences that there is no District fund upon which the street cleaning department may draw temporarily to meet the emergency, and that under the law the municipality may not accept a loan from individuals or others with which to tide it over the crisis.

**Knows of No Relief.**  
All eyes turned to Auditor Tweedale when the District realized its predicament this morning. Hope was felt that a way would be found to draw upon the fund of some other department, but the auditor, who has no relief that could be given under the present status of appropriations.

**May Lose Their Jobs.**  
Not only was the entire street cleaning force laid off today, but all per diem employees in the street cleaning department faced the prospect of immediately losing their positions.

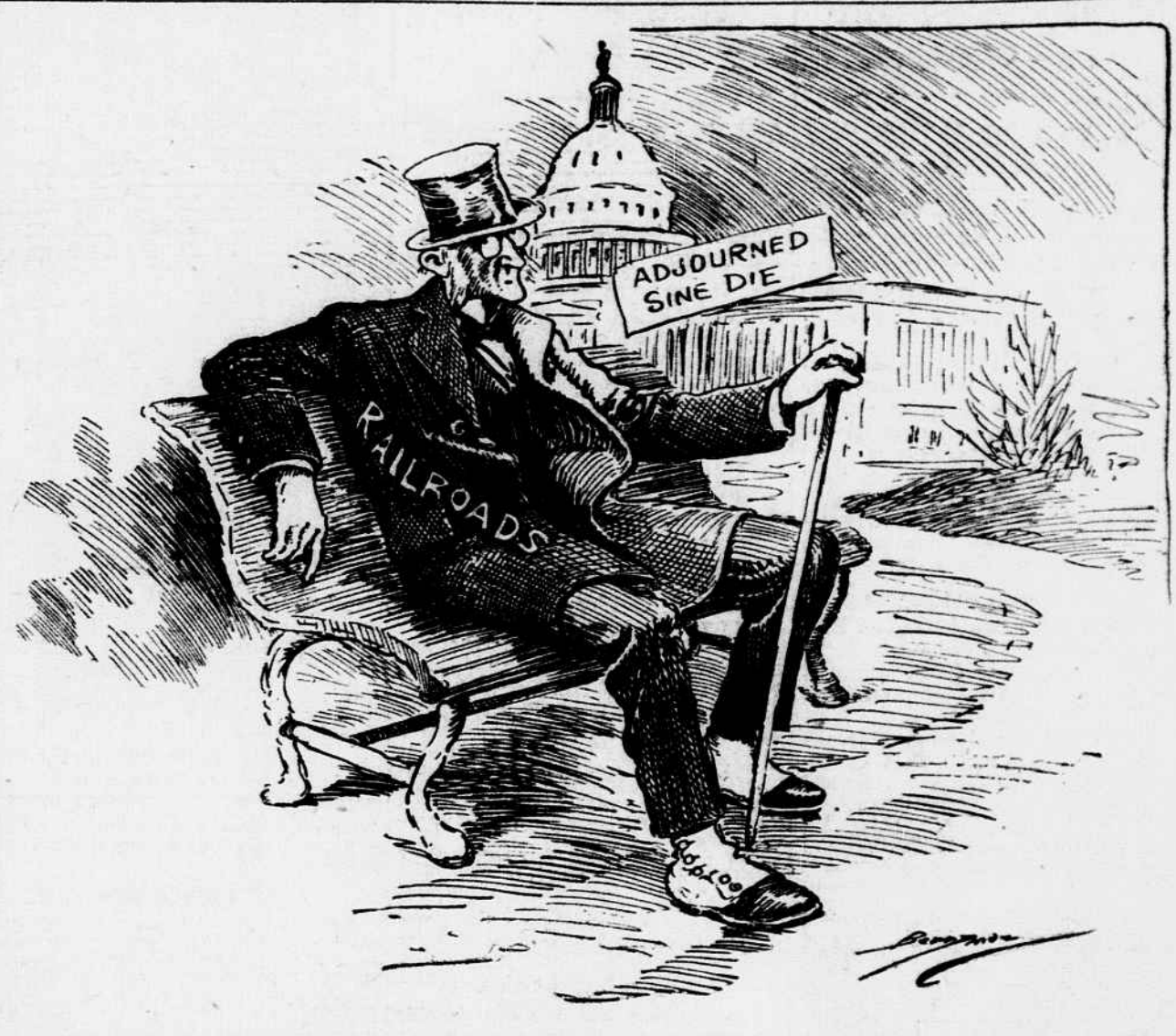
**Orderly's Rush for Morning Papers**  
Just as the George Washington was about to sail it was discovered that some one had neglected to bring aboard the morning newspapers. The lines had been made fast to the pier, and the ship was about to be drawn into the harbor.

# ABBREVIATION IS CHANGED FROM "CAL." TO "CALIF."

At the request of the Post Office Department, the United States Geographic Board today changed the abbreviation for California from "Cal." to "Calif."

# 31 BLUE STARS, 2 OF GOLD.

A service flag containing thirty-one blue stars and two gold ones was unveiled by the examining division of the bureau of engraving and printing at exercises held yesterday afternoon at the headquarters of the examining division.



WAITING FOR HIS MEAL TICKET.

# EUROPE ALARMED FOR FEAR AMERICA MAY DESERT HER

Unable to Distinguish Between Opposition  
to Mr. Wilson as Leader of Democratic  
Party and as President.

By FRANK H. SIMONS.

PARIS, March 3.—There is probably no more difficult problem than the endeavor to represent to Americans accurately European views at the present time on American political conditions. Probably at no time since America entered the war has Europe been so confused by the American situation as it is now.

# ATTACK ON HARRIES DUE TO HUNGER

Paris Foresees Other Out-  
breaks, Perhaps Counter  
Revolution, in Berlin.

RESENTMENT IS GROWING

By OLIVER OWEN KUHN.  
Staff Correspondent of The Star.

PARIS, March 5.—Outbreaks in Berlin against Gen. George H. Harries and two score other American Army officers and peace commission attaches there are believed in Paris but forerunners of others and the beginning of a possible counter revolution.

German feeling against Americans at the moment is largely due to slowness in sending food supplies to Germany, but Americans in Paris are not inclined to worry over the situation. They admit that food relief work has been delayed owing to objections met in France to the American food policy, but that large quantities soon will be in Germany.

# HEAVY PUNISHMENT FAVORED EUROPE FEARS U. S. MAY DESERT HER

To discriminate between Mr. Wilson as President of the United States and as leader of the democratic party in Europe, it is necessary to recognize that the position of America in Europe is today American aid on the military side is realized everywhere to have been the decisive factor in winning the war.

Europe fears U. S. may desert her. The attitude of the masses of the allied nations had in their turn decided whether or not the President should be received as an ambassador of peace.

# PRESIDENT'S FINAL SHOT IS RESENTED BY CONGRESSMEN

Many Republicans Deem  
Statement Here and New  
York Speech Insult.

MEN IN BOTH PARTIES  
COMMENT ON BREACH

Feel He Should Have Consulted  
Leaders as to Advisability of  
Extra Session.

Democratic and republican senators and representatives who will be in the next Congress commented today upon the violent estrangement which will exist between the executive and the Congress when the latter body meets.

It was generally admitted that the parting shot which the President gave Congress in his statement issued from the White House and his speech in New York served further to aggravate the differences between the legislative and the executive branches.

# Will Have to Face Issue.

It is realized that the President will have to face Congress sooner or later. It may be in June or it may be earlier, but at any rate he will have to confront the legislative body, opposed to him politically in matters of the most vital importance.

Many republicans feel that the President defied Congress while here and insulted it upon departing. Democrats, while charging the republicans with playing politics and endeavoring to embarrass the President, deprecate the breach, which has been evidenced in the past twenty-four hours.

# Hold Position Unjustifiable.

In his statement issued from the White House yesterday before departure for New York, the President has taken the interest of the right conduct of public affairs that I should call the Congress into session. It is the duty of the President to be in Washington because of a more pressing duty elsewhere to cooperate with the houses.

# Europe Willing to Amend League.

Any concession or amendment will be made by one nation, big or little, will consent to the withdrawal of America from Europe without the league of nations and the elements of hope will be withdrawn from the European situation. The league of nations is a great task of reconstruction to which no one can yield to despair.

# President's Final Shot and Stand Discussed by Various Senators

The President's parting shot at senators who talked to death the third deficiency bill, with its item of \$750,000 for the railroads, was today declared by senators "not to be up to his usual standard." These senators proceeded to pick flaws in the President's announcement that he would call Congress into special session now, this time, since he felt he should be in Washington when Congress was meeting.